

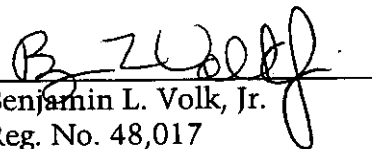
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Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks together with a request for continued examination (and fee) and a petition for an extension of time (and fee).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.